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Elizabeth and M. Peter Moser

When M. Peter Moser died in 2008, Elizabeth Moser, his widow, thought long and hard about how best to memorialize him. Her husband of almost 60 years, a Baltimore attorney in private practice, was a recognized expert in business, estate and tax law. But his passion was professionalism and ethics.

“His grandfather and father had been judges in Baltimore City,” Moser said of her husband. “He loved the law, and he wanted lawyers to hold themselves to the highest standards.”

To that end, Moser was active in local, state, and national attorney groups. He served as president of the Baltimore City and Maryland State Bar Associations, treasurer of the American Bar Association and president of the American Bar Foundation. He was involved in an ongoing basis with committees of the

organized Bar to update and revise ethical guidelines for the profession.

“He had a mission—how to put ethical principles into reality. I wanted to keep his work alive and to develop it further, and the University of Maryland School of Law is an excellent home” for his legacy, said Moser whose husband, though not a graduate of UM Carey Law, actively participated in the School of Law’s legal clinics.

In 2011, Moser, with the support of all family members, used the Moser Family Philanthropic Fund to endow the \$1 million Moser Ethics in Action Initiative. Ideas range from creating a new and specific course on ethics to integrating ethical issues throughout the curriculum.

Susan Leviton ’72, a UM Carey Law professor who teaches in the children’s law clinic, knew the Mosers for 20 years. She describes them as “a wonderful team who truly cared about Baltimore City.”

While the idea for the gift was Moser’s, Leviton said the two spent many hours discussing where the money would go and how it would be spent. Said Leviton: “She was clear about the goal, and her gift addresses that—specifically, training young lawyers in how to exercise good judgment and in the hard analytical thinking about the right thing to do.”



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